Title: Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection,
Identifier/Call Number: MSS.2011.12.01
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Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.77 linear feet; 1 box
Date (inclusive): 1936-1941
Abstract: The Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection contains photographic negatives and prints of aerial images
of San Francisco, Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay communities. Towns, prominent buildings and landmarks in Santa
Clara Valley and San Francisco are represented. Of these, some of the structures of note include the Lick Observatory,
Agnew State Mental Hospital – East Area, Alum Rock Natatorium, Spartan Stadium and the bridges of San Francisco.
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Processing Information
Organizational History
The Wings of History Museum of San Martin, California began as the Northern California Antique Aircraft Association in
1962. A local flight club, the NCAAA organized a local fly-in which has in 30 years become the Watsonville Fly-in and Air
Show. Proceeds from the fly-in were used to purchase the land and build facilities for what is now the Wings of History
Musuem.
Citation: ‘About the Museum,’ Wings of History Museum website, accessed 2/6/13,
http://www.wingsofhistory.org/index.php/the-museum/about-the-museum
Scope and Content of Collection
The Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection, 1936-1941 contains photographic negatives and prints of aerial images
of San Francisco, Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay communities. Towns, prominent buildings and landmarks in Santa
Clara Valley and San Francisco are typical targets, and of note are prominent institutional structures such as the Lick
Observatory, Agnew State Mental Hospital – East Area, Alum Rock Natatorium, Spartan Stadium, Golden Gate Exposition
and the bridges of San Francisco.
Arrangement
This single series collection is arranged chronologically: Series I, Title Aerial photography of San Francisco and Monterey
Bays, 1936-1941
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Wings of History Museum.
Agnew State Hospital (San Jose, Calif.)
Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco, Calif.)—1930-1940
Golden Gate International Exposition (1939-1940 : San Francisco, Calif.)
Lick Observatory
Monterey County (Calif.) -- Aerial photographs
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Aerial photographs
San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.) -- Aerial photographs
San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.)
Series I: Aerial photographs of San Francisco and Monterey Bay communities, 1936-1941

Scope and Content of Collection
The contents in this series consist mostly of aerial photographs taken from a biplane circa 1920s-30s. In addition, there is a set of ground-based photographs taken at night to highlight structures built for the Golden Gate Exposition of 1940, and another smaller set of individuals and groups at the Wings of History museum. Several of the featured structures have since been repurposed, including the Alum Rock Natatorium, Agnew State Mental Hospital - East Campus, Southern Pacific Rail Yard of San Jose and Treasure Island (site of the Golden Gate Exposition). Images of San Francisco's SoMa district in 1936 and South Bay communities in the pre-WWII era can also be found. There are nineteen folders containing 113 photographic negatives and 10 prints; the series is arranged chronologically.

Physical Description
1 Box

Folder 1 - Alviso and Agnew Hospital, 6/7/1936
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Folder 2 - Lick Observatory, 7/3/1936
   Language of Material: English

Folder 3 - Capitola, 7/16/1936
   Language of Material: English

Folder 4 - Monterey Road, 9/13/1936
   Language of Material: English

Folder 5 - San Francisco Bay Bridge, 11/12/1936
   Language of Material: English

Folder 6 - Golden Gate Bridge, 5/28/1937
Folder 7 - San Jose Downtown, 9/23/1937
   Language of Material: English

Folder 8 - Alum Rock Park, 10/3/1937
   Language of Material: English

Folder 9 - Spartan Stadium, 11/25/1937
Folder 10 - Alviso Flood, 2/3/1938
   Language of Material: English

Folder 11 - Southern Pacific Railyards, 3/25/1938
   Language of Material: English

Folder 12 - Santa Clara, 4/26/1938
   Language of Material: English

Folder 13 - Los Gatos High School, 5/16/1939
   Language of Material: English
Folder 14 - Alviso Flood, 2/28/1940
Language of Material: English

Folder 15 - Los Gatos Highway, 7/10/1940
Language of Material: English

Folder 16 - Salinas, 8/5/1940
Language of Material: English

Folder 17 - Golden Gate International Exposition, 9/23/1940
Language of Material: English

Folder 18 - Willow Glen and Milpitas, 4/19/1941
Language of Material: English

Folder 19 - Miscellaneous, n.d.
Language of Material: English